

Underhill Alternative Transportation Committee
Minutes of Wednesday, September 27th, 2017, 6:30

Present:

Kurt Johnson
Mike Oman
Cat Kearns
Ann Linde
Sue Cromwell

Reviewed minutes from last meeting.

Tonight's discussion centered around the different alternatives we had each researched and on survey questions.

Transportation alternatives:

Cat found an on line ride board in New Hampshire called CVTC (Commuter Volunteer Transportation Company) It is a volunteer run nonprofit. We all agreed we would like to look into this one further.

Ann found a similar ride share site in Vermont called Zimride, which is a national corporation, based in Delaware. There is also a car share business to look into which would charge a fee to reserve cars that are parked in strategic locations. Ann also raised the discussion of using school busses. To use them in off hours does not seem feasible. We discussed the pros and cons of having people ride the bus along with the students just in order to get to a public bus stop or car pool site. We have not taken the step of approaching the school district about this.

Mike has been talking to the local MPO about transportation issues in rural areas. He is waiting for them to have their meeting to see what they have in place and how they might be able to help us. Mike will be meeting with Sandy Thibault of CATMA (Chittenden Area Transportation Management Association) on Friday the 29th.

Sue mentioned that SSTA provides bus service with 48 hours advance notice.

Survey:

General discussion about the length, style and type of questions that should be on the survey. Kurt suggested we each give a small number of people survey questions to help guide us to the right survey. Mike, Cat and Kurt each presented draft surveys. Kurt will collate them and come up with one for the next meeting.

He will also reach out to Cambridge and Jericho to see if they're doing or would be interested in what we're doing in terms of studying alternative modes of transportation to and from the area.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Next meeting scheduled for Wed, October 18th at 6:30 at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Linde, Scribe